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November 2023 issue of The Alliance Connection

Next Meeting

Wednesday November 1, 2023

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***Palm Beach County Clerk of the Circuit Court
& Comptroller***

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16700 Jog Road Delray Beach

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Stay Informed with Monthly Alliance Meetings

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December 6, 2023-South County Civic Center

January 3, 2024-South County Civic Center

February 7, 2024-South County Civic Center

March 6, 2024-Morikami Museum and Gardens Auditorium

April 3, 2024-South County Civic Center

May 1, 2024-South County Civic Center

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Besides excellent programming, you will have the opportunity to speak to representatives of the offices of the Property Appraiser, Tax Collector, Clerk of the Court, and Supervisor of Elections

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Development Update

The SWAP

October 24, 2023 is the date of The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) meeting that will address the GL Homes Application requesting to “SWAP” preserve land in north County for preserve land in the Agricultural Reserve (AR). The Alliance has been working to educate the Commissioners and the Public in the profound effects the approval of the application will have on the quality of life of folks in south County and particularly the AR.

The intellectual argument against the SWAP is flawless. The Planned Unit Developments (PUD's) of the AR that will be most impacted by the SWAP to wit, Seven Bridges, Valencia Reserve, Canyon Lakes, Canyon Isles, Canyon Springs, and Whitworth AGR-PUD, should have more of a voice in the proposed changes. Most of the residents of these communities are not aware of the impact to the composition of their PUD's. Quality of life will certainly be impacted with the increase in density and intensity proposed with this application.

The Alliance will be present at the 10/24/23 BCC Meeting and will report to the Membership at the November 1, 2023 meeting. All Alliance members are encouraged to write to the BCC with their thoughts on the proposed SWAP: Mayor Weiss: gweiss@pbcgov.org; Vice Mayor Sachs: msachs@pbcgov.org; Comm. Marino: mmarino@pbcgov.org; Comm. Barnett: mbarnett@pbcgov.org; Comm. Woodward: mwoodward@pbcgov.org; Comm. Baxter: sbaxter@pbcgov.org; Comm. Bernard: mbernard@pbcgov.org

Workforce Housing Program

The County is working on updating the Unified Land Development Code to address compliance monitoring issues in the Workforce Housing Program. A recent Florida Atlantic University study cited an affordability crisis with the average tenant needing to earn nearly \$112,000 a year to avoid being “house-poor.” The Bond approved in 2022 is another tool in the toolbox to expedite the development of more workforce housing units in Palm Beach County.

Lyons Road Update

On Sept. 8, 2023, delineator posts were installed adjacent to Joseph's Classic Market to help prevent illegal maneuvers by drivers exiting that site. Additional signage will be added adjacent to St. Mary's Church for clarity. The County will install road closure signs at St. Mary's Coptic driveways and “One Way” signs at driveways like the exit for Joseph's Classic Market. The contractor has indicated that they intend to open both southbound lanes from 153rd Road South through the bridge to Sauvignon Pkwy by December 2023.

On Sept. 13, 2023, the contractor broke ground and began construction south of the bridge. Staff approved the contractor's proposal to open both southbound lanes from approximately 153rd Road South to Golden Gate Avenue. A traffic control plan is being developed, and once approved, the contractor will begin this work.

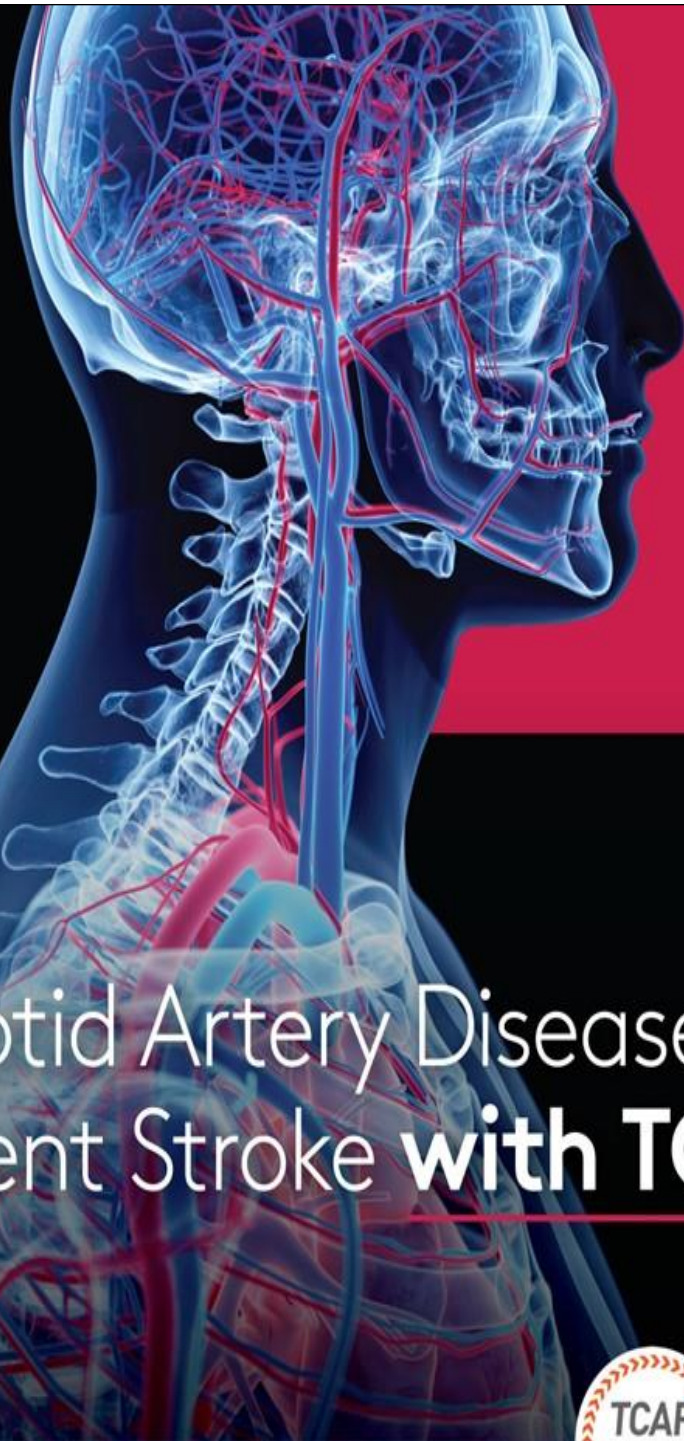
Beginning Sept. 18th there will be lay out of the proposed locations of temporary signal poles to not conflict with the proposed mast arm installation and FP&L utilities. FP&L estimates it will take them about four weeks to complete its work. After FP&L completes its work, County staff from the Traffic Division will install a temporary signal, which is expected to take two additional weeks. After the installation of the temporary signal, the existing mast arms can be removed, allowing the roadway contractor to begin work. The contractor currently estimates the project to be completed in May 2024.

The developer committed to installing a signal at the Delray Marketplace main entrance onto Lyons Road. Design, material procurement, and installation is expected to take one year.



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Alliance Partners with Delray Medical Center with Food Donations to Eat Better Live Better

The Alliance of Delray joined our neighborhood hospital, Delray Medical Center, in donating food to Eat Better Live Better (EBLB), a local organization which provides grocery assistance to the community.

EBLB runs a Grocery Assistance Program (GAP) which supplements families with two weeks of healthy, nutrient-dense groceries and fresh produce. The GAP includes nutrition information with the distribution of food.

Currently EBLB offices and food distribution center are located at 14451 S. Military Trail Ste. 2 in Delray Beach. Donations are accepted. Website: EBLB.org



Left Photo, from left: Debra Tendrich, Founder EBLB; Judy Goldberg, Alliance Director; Harvey Arnold, Alliance Liaison to EBLB; Norma Arnold, Alliance VP; Donna Lerner, Alliance Graphic Artist; Lori Vinikoor, Alliance President; Tawnya Dempsey, EBLB. Right Photo, from left: Debra Tendrich, Founder EBLB; Daniel Listi, CEO Delray Medical Center; Lori Vinikoor, Alliance President; Donna Lerner, Alliance Graphic Artist; Norma Arnold, Alliance VP; Harvey Arnold, Alliance Liaison to EBLB; Brian Colella, Director of Materials Management Delray Medical Center.

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Alliance Brings Delray Beach Vice Mayor Boylston to Concerned Residents

On September 28, 2023, the Alliance brought Delray Beach Vice Mayor Ryan Boylston to meet with the concerned residents of Pines of Delray North about increased solid waste removal fees as a result of a newly negotiated contract.

The conversation was cordial and Vice Mayor Boylston will be meeting with the community again to bring back answers to many questions which were raised.



October Meeting Summary

Elected officials and first responders delivered statistics and news.

- Vice Mayor Maria Sachs discussed the 441 and Atlantic Avenue development that will be built on the corner opposite Delray Marketplace. She indicated a need for the West Delray area to have places that we can all enjoy such as, coffee shops, entertainment area, and shopping.
- Alexcia Cox, Deputy Chief Assistant State Attorney and Chief of the Domestic Violence Unit for the State Attorney reminded us that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Caretakers to the elderly, siblings, young children, mates to each other, both verbal and physical abuse. One in four women and one in nine men are subject to domestic violence. Mental health workers are always available to help or contact the States Attorney through its web site (<https://sa15.org/>).
- District 4 PBSO detective Eastman related that traffic crashes are up 6% from 2022. She stated that to be a safe driver you should leave early for appointments, stay calm and don't respond to another yelling at you! Wait until the light turns green as speeders try to "make the light" and be careful when making a left-hand turn. Auto burglaries are up in all communities, gated and not. Organized crime groups know how to steal with modern technology. PLEASE LOCK YOUR CARS AND DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN PLAIN SIGHT! Fobs should be kept away from front doors and garages as the criminals can now read the codes.
- Tony Keeler indicated that the Fire Rescue Dept received over 3000 calls last month, with Kings Point having the highest total. He said that we should be prepared for hurricane season so be prepared with all your supplies. A 4th person has been added to the ladder trucks. Always call the EMTs in an emergency because they can help save your life.
- Senator Lori Berman said that the legislative sessions are starting and if we have suggestions for future bills to contact her office. Many bills start with community input. Contact her with ideas through her website: (<https://www.flsenate.gov/senators/s26>).
- Representative Kelly Skidmore also asked for community input through her office at Atlantic Avenue and Hagen Ranch or her website (<https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Representatives/contactmember.aspx?MemberId=4786>).
- School Board Vice Chairperson Karen Brill spoke next. Indicated Also, LBGTQ will be honored in PBC schools and at this point no books are being banned. Teacher salaries are increasing 7.5% increase plus a \$1500 bonus. The starting salary is \$51,500. year. Florida only gives \$9,200 per student as opposed to NY where the number is \$34,000 per student.

The main speaker for the meeting was Dr. James Snider, M.D., head of the South Florida Proton Therapy Institute. The equipment is housed in a huge room with 14 feet thick walls. The Xray machine weights 300 tons and is 43 ft high. Its laser pointer protects normal tissue and saves the patient from some further, unnecessary surgery, eliminates side effects, and reduces the need for unnecessary X-rays. Website: <https://sfpti.com/>

Dr. Kelly Jackson, P.H.D. and FAU Professor. She is also the Nurse Recruiter at FAU. Dr. Jackson is heading up two studies related to aging, Driving Project & Microbiome/Gut/Brain Project. There is compensation involved. For further information on how to be a part of the solution, call 561-235-4467 or email crudor@health.fair.edu.

The November 1, 2023, meeting will feature Joseph Abruzzo, Palm Beach County Clerk of the Court and Comptroller who will discuss all the special services that are available to us. The meeting will be held in the South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach, across from Morikami Gardens. Doors will open at 9AM when refreshments are served. The meeting begins at 9:30.

Respectfully Submitted, Judy Goldberg

THE PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

PRESENTS

A PUBLIC SAFETY EXPO

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023, 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM

South County Civic Center

16700 Jog Rd., Delray Beach, FL

Please join us and select your preferred topic. Hear from our experts, learn helpful tips and important lessons that will keep you, your family and your community safe.

1:15-2:15 PM Topics (choose 1)

Therapy Dog Unit or Volunteers Against Scams Team (VAST) or Crime Prevention

2:15 to 2:45 PM Break with Refreshments

2:45-3:45 PM Topics (choose 1)

Body Worn Cameras or Traffic or Private Security Partnerships

Questions? 561-644-6720

New Alliance of Delray Website

The Alliance is happy to announce the launch of its new website <http://www.allianceofdelray.com>. The site contains all the information that was on the previous site but reorganized to facilitate information retrieval.

The new site is organized in the following manner:

- **Home page** --- providing one click access to Alliance sponsors and highlights of the next meeting.
- **About the Alliance** –displaying the Alliance mission and Board of Directors
- **Links** to the current and previous newsletters and videos.
- **Resources** -- containing links to hundreds of internet resources that address issues being monitored by the Alliance.
- **Newsletters & videos** of previous meetings
- **Government** – description of Palm Beach County resources in an easy to understand format.
- **Blog** – containing important communications published by Florida, County and municipal staff and first responder organizations

The website redevelopment was underwritten by GRS Property Management

Transportation Planning Agency to Host Mobility Vision Workshop

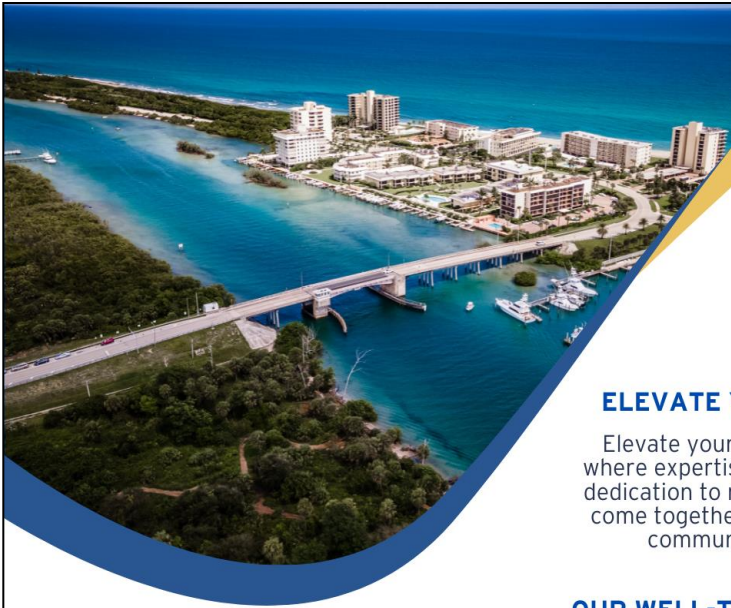
The Palm Beach TPA invites the public to discuss the future of our transportation system at the following workshops. Each workshop will focus on ways to improve walking, bicycling, transit access and additional roadway improvements. View the flyer and register to attend the workshops below! Learn more about the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and submit your transportation comments and testimonials at WWW.PalmBeachTPA.org/LRTP. Dates for Workshops:

October 25, 2023 from 4 - 6 p.m. Spanish River Library

1501 Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton, FL

November 28, 2023 from 4 - 6 p.m. Boynton Beach City Hall

100 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach, FL 33435



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Agricultural Reserve Development Update

Tenderly Reserve: Northwest and Southwest Corners of Atlantic Ave. and the Florida Tpk
This application has been postponed from 10/13/23 to the next round in 2024.

Proposed:

- Town homes and apartments
- 25 % Workforce Housing
- High-end Hotel
- Office over Retail
- Main Street Feature
- Neighborhood Commercial
- Walking Trail Around Development
- Children's Play Park
- Indoor Adventure Rec. & Workplace
- Luxury Private Garage Condominiums
- Ag Reserve Gateway
- Publicly accessible Preserve
- Alignment of Starkey and Persimmon
- Traffic Signal



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Senator Berman and Representative Skidmore Host Town Hall on Legislation

On October 3, 2023, Senator Lori Berman (photo right) and Representative Kelly Skidmore (photo left) held a Town Hall meeting at the Hagen Ranch road library and discussed some of the bills which they are sponsoring for the 2024 Legislative Session. Included in these initiatives are: a “Safe Waters Act” Bill which would allow people to be informed if water is unsafe to recreate in, an “Impaired Driving” Bill which would include certain meds such as Benadryl to the list of substances that could impair driving, an “Anti-Semitism Redefinition” Bill, and limiting interest percentages to avoid “Predatory Loans.” Property insurance was also discussed. Alliance President Lori Vinikoor was present and provided written suggestions to the elected officials for lowering insurance premiums.



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Important Information Contained in this Newsletter

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